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ART UNIT 2859

PATENT

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated 2/19/2004, in which all claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow.

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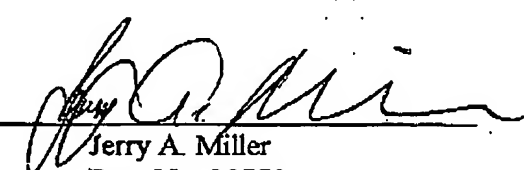
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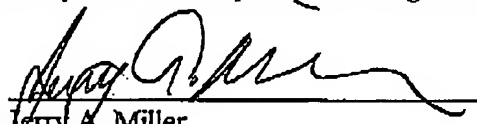
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